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Pre-School Band Rehearsals To Begin Monday August 26

All members of the Merkel High School band are urged to attend the first pre-school band rehearsal, Monday, August 26, at 8:00 a.m. in the high school auditorium, according to Mr. Reed band director.

The purpose of the rehearsal is to prepare for the first football game to be played at Ranger, September 6. Uniforms will be issued during the week. All students not members of the high school band last year are especially urged to attend.

The members of the Merkel Elementary Band will start rehearsals at 9:30 A.M. Monday 26, in the auditorium.

Student wishing to start band work this year should contact Mr. Reed. Last years fourth graders who indicated they wanted to be

in the band this school year will receive a letter giving information of a special meeting for beginners. Mr. C. A. Farley, elementary principal, requests students that plan to take band, register for band on registration day or not later than the first day of school.

WTCC Program Approved For Coming Year

The program of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce for the coming year has been approved in its entirety, according to Merkel's WTCC director Earl Hughes of West Texas Utilities Company in Merkel.

He said the program was approved in a meeting of all WTCC directors in that district which was recently held in Abilene.

The district meeting was one of the ten throughout West Texas held during the latter part of July, he said.

In the meetings, the organization's president, B. E. Godfrey of Fort Worth, presided. Fred H. Husbands, executive vice-president of the WTCC, gave the report on the planned activities.

The program of work was planned by committees who met in the organization's headquarters in Abilene in early July.

The report by Husbands covered each of the phases of endeavor carried on by the regional chamber including agriculture and livestock, state and national affairs, community services, industrial development, public information, water resources and member relations.

The board is composed of business leaders representing approximately 150 cities and communities throughout the 132 county region served by the WTCC.

WTCC directors, chosen for one year terms by members of the regional chamber in the director's city, served as the policy-making board of the organization. They also serve as liaison personnel between the regional chamber and local chamber.

Mrs. J. M. Dunn of Lovington, N. M. spent Thursday with her aunt, Mrs. W. M. Elliott. She was on her way home after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Shelton, in Cisco.

Calvary Baptist To Hold Revival

The Rev. Wayne Davis will hold a revival at the Calvary Baptist Church August 25 through August 31. Prayer service will be at 7:30 p. m. and the preaching service at 8:00 p. m.

The Rev. Davis, a former rodeo performer, is the new pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church. He preaches each Sunday morning over Radio Station KXOX in Sweetwater.

Friends Harvest Crop For Sick Neighbor

While Homer D. Payne, Stith farmer lay ill in Saddle Hospital here last week, his neighbors and friends gathered at his farm with their equipment and harvested his feed crop and plowed his cotton.

Mr. Payne, seriously ill for the past four weeks, was reported Tuesday to be showing some improvement.

Those taking part in the harvesting and plowing were Horace Kelso, E. L. Berry, Bob Hudson, Ted Hudson, Hollis Hudson, J. F. H. Jones, Derrell Kelso, Clyde Jones, Sam Mashburn, E. J. McDonald, Jr. and son, George, Houston Robertson, David Tarpley, W. T. Vantreese and Ira Stanley.

What Is The Chamber Of Commerce? Charlie P. Suber Retired Farmer, Dies Aug. 14

By Orville Roland

The American people who theoretically believe in the free enterprise system are actually denying their support to that system. Too many are withholding their physical and financial support from their local chambers of commerce, potentially the strongest single force in existence to perpetuate and refine our free enterprise system and improve the general welfare of our community. Strong words? Yes, but true.

Although some communities have as high as 30% of their population members of the chamber of commerce, this community has less than 10%. These members include businessmen which represent 50% of that figure with 90% of the membership subscription dollar.

Theodore Roosevelt once said, "Every man is, first, a citizen of some community," as citizens, we are deeply interested in our community, and that is where the chamber of commerce comes in.

A chamber of commerce is an organization that coordinates and integrates the talent and resources of business and professional men trying to make their community a better place in which to live and make a living. Its programs are dedicated to the improvement of living standards and improvement of the economic condition of all residents, not a favored few. Its entire function is the initiation and support of projects in the public interest. In a real sense, the chamber epitomizes the free enterprise system and the American idea of progress and growth. Its genius lies in organizing an directing the energies of those men in every community who believe that their city has a place in the sun and are determined to find that place. Lord Byron said, "I live not in myself, but become a portion of that around me." The reason every American citizen should be a portion of his surroundings is self-evident; and yet some 90% of us are not.

My own interest in chamber of commerce work stemmed from the fact that we live in an economically distressed area and the local chamber, by its own efforts, was trying to bring new industry to this area. In spite of the drought, we have survived and enjoyed substantial trade. We have maintained an even population and built an addition to our school system which is an accomplishment within itself. Now that Merkel is on the threshold of a new era, with the air base located near by, we should gear ourselves to progress and plan the growth as never before.

What does 100 new families mean to a community? According to figures released by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, it means 296 more people, 112 more households, 51 more school children, \$590,000 more personal income per year, \$270,000 more bank deposits 107 more passenger cars registered, more retail establishments, and 174 more workers employed, 4 \$360,000 more retail sales per year. Is that worth working for? Is that worth investing your dollars for your community? It can be done right here in Merkel!

Yet we face many objections to the chamber of commerce effort. We can give you an intelligent answer to these objections if we know what they are! Here are a few most frequently stated:

1. OBJECTION: Costs too much. That is the most difficult to overcome if you are thinking in terms of dollar for dollar investments. If you look at it on the other hand that it is necessary insurance, then your dollar investment isn't too much. It will assure a sound program of work geared to the community's needs. It will assure you that your \$10,000 home is going to be worth \$10,000 in ten years because people will want to live in Merkel. Others have made it a better place to live through their chamber of commerce. Right now, you are enjoying many advantages, conveniences and other things that other people were foresighted enough to provide for you years ago. Had they not done it then, your \$10,000 home would not be worth \$2,000 today because people would not be attracted to live in Merkel.

Union dues average \$90 per year per members. They are working for the same benefits for their members that your chamber is working for you. Whatever the price it takes the get those things, is it too much? That is mighty

cheap insurance for your community. Despite some confusion on the issue, chamber of commerce dues have several times been ruled by the Internal Revenue Department income tax deductible. That within itself speaks volumes.

OBJECTION: Too busy.

All successful men are too busy, but that does not mean that they should deny their talents to their community. The old saying, "If you want something done ask the busiest man in town" is true. When a job needs doing, they are usually the only unselfish people in town who will take it upon themselves to do it! Yet, while they are doing this very thing, others are failing to get training in leadership by not doing it themselves. We need leaders to take some of the land from these few enterprising, civic-minded individuals and the only way we can get them is train them through the committees of chamber of commerce activities. If you don't honestly have the time to participate actively, do not withhold your moral and financial support. Your chamber of commerce will handle your share of community betterment and civic duty while you are not available.

OBJECTION: Do not like the way it is run!

This is the most common criticism. The answer is obvious. Just get in there and give the organization the benefit of your ideas, critical or otherwise, your voice will always be welcomed.

OBJECTION: I never get any business, directly or indirectly from the chamber of commerce.

This is not a "scratch-my-back-I-scratch-yours" organization. If you buy or sell goods or services in your city, the chamber of commerce is working in your behalf. You obviously make a living, or you would not be here. You must enjoy living in the community or you would not stay here. No man ever succeeded in any business or profession in the middle of the Sahara Desert. The chamber of commerce is the irrigation system that makes your garden grow.

OBJECTION: We can get along without the local chamber and its overhead.

Actually, we can get along without any one of the hundred and one typically American organizations where men of good heart voluntarily band together for the common good—but who would want to? This organization is the only one of its kind that is oriented and implemented for community progress. No citizen would admit that his city has reached the saturation point of progress. We have not even scratched the surface of possibilities for future growth and prosperity. Business and professional men need an organization for organizing and planning and thinking. They need a spokesman for their plans. Your chamber of commerce is just that. And certainly there is an overhead. Nothing can be run on the clean air of the city or the good wishes of the people.

There are some of the objections and answers. In conclusion, there are three classes of people in any community: those who live off it, those who live in it, and those who live for it. The first class are parasites, reaping where they do not sow. They are not applicable to this summary, and they beggar description. The second class lives in the community but has nothing to do with its activities. If enough of the population are like this group, there is community hari-kari. The third class of residents of the community—those who live for it—recognize their political, social, and economic duties as citizens by taking an active part and an attitude of live civic brotherhood. Such men meet on common ground, regardless of professional status, social status, physical possessions, religion or politics. Let it not be said that citizens of this good community abhor this common ground.

Former Residents Return To Merkel

The Rev. and Mrs. W. G. Richards have moved here recently from Winters where he was pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church. The Rev. Richards was formerly pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church here. They live at 1107 N. 4th St.

Charlie P. Suber Retired Farmer, Dies Aug. 14

Charlie P. Suber, retired farmer, died at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday at his home here. He was 76.

Funeral was held at 4 p.m. Thursday at the Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel with Bob Canon, minister of the Church of Christ here, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Suber was born Oct. 11, 1880, at Florala, Ala., and moved to Forrester, Tex., in 1903. He was married June 11, 1903 to Eliza Dyess at Forrester. Mr. Suber moved to Jones County about 1908 and to Merkel in 1918.

He farmed until 1950 when he retired.

Surviving are his wife; two sons, Hilton and Othar, both of Merkel; two daughters, Mrs. A. H. Ballew of Abilene and Mrs. W. E. Dyess of Clark County; one brother, Thomas Suber of Houston; three sisters, Mrs. A. F. Griffin of Sampson, Ala., Mrs. H. A. Savage and Mrs. C. L. Maloy, both of Florala, Ala.; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Two daughters preceded him in death.

Merkel C of C To Aid Farmers Secure Laborers

Farmers in this area are urged to start sending their requests for laborers to the Merkel Chamber of Commerce for the Texas Employment Commission to expedite processing, according to Charles Hogsett, president.

The local chamber is working with the Texas Employment Commission this year to serve farmers with the convenience of a centralized office without going all the way into Abilene. There is no charge for this service.

Forms are available in the local office for farm laborers. It was reported that the four county area served by the Texas Employment Commission would have a "normal to better" crop this year. The Merkel area proportionately will have a "better" crop than several years, which is above normal. Farm laborers will be in greater demand for this area than the past several years and the move is in anticipation of this demand.

Mr. Chester Collinsworth is chairman of the Agricultural Committee of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce handling this project.

Noodle Resident Buried Here Tues.

George Young Hudson, 76, resident of Jones and Taylor counties since 1916, died at 5:30 a.m. Saturday at his home in Noodle.

Funeral was held Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. at the Starbuck Funeral Home chapel here with the Rev. H. Carl Nunn, Methodist minister, from Trent, officiating. Burial was in Comere Cemetery, Jones County.

Born March 31, 1881, in El Dorado, Ark., Mr. Hudson married the former Annie Tarpley in Pokg County, Ark., Nov. 29, 1900. He was a member of the Trent Methodist Church.

He farmed until 1949 when a heart condition forced him into inactivity. Survivors include the wife; four sons, Clarence and Dub of Noodle, Odus of Oakley, Calif., and Lynn of Big Spring; four daughters, Mrs. O. C. Williams and Mrs. C. T. Nevels of Oakley, Mrs. E. D. Lucas of Antioch, Calif., and Mrs. Nell Dragon of Lake Tihoo Calif.; four sisters Mrs. Meg McCaulie of Bakersville, Calif., Mrs. S. H. Tarpley of Gore, Okla., Mrs. W. B. Tarpley of Merkel and Mrs. Lena Estridge of Atoka, Okla., 14 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Bill Nutt and children of Plainview and Mrs. Bobbie Tolliver and son of Midland are visiting in the home of their mother, Mrs. Edna Horton, and their grandmothers, Mrs. Sallie Moore and Mrs. Hugh Campbell.

Mrs. Ray Cox of Fort Worth is visiting her mother, Mrs. Bill Cox.

Final Plans Completed For Opening Merkel School, September 3

Final plans for the opening of the new school term have been completed. A general faculty meeting is scheduled for Thursday evening, August 29, at 8 o'clock, in the school auditorium. Dr. Rogers Barton, Chief of the Curriculum Division, Texas Education Agency, will be the speaker and consultant for the occasion. He will discuss current trends in school curriculums and recent school legislation.

According to Mack Fisher, superintendent of the Merkel schools, the following faculty meetings have been scheduled:

1. Primary teachers will meet on Wednesday morning, August 28, at 8:30.

2. Elementary teachers will meet on Thursday morning, August 29, at 8:30.

3. High school teachers will meet on Thursday morning, August 29, at 8:30.

Registration of high school students will be as follows: The freshmen will register on

Thursday morning, August 29, at 10 o'clock.

The sophomores will register during the afternoon of the same day, beginning at one o'clock.

The juniors and seniors will register on Friday morning, August 30, beginning at 8:30.

Registration of elementary and primary students will be on Friday morning, August 30. The school buses will make their usual runs on their regular schedules on this morning. After completing registrations, the buses will return the students to their homes before noon.

Lions Club Hears Report

Merkel Lions heard a report from the District Governor's Cabinet meeting at their regular luncheon Tuesday.

Orville Roland, zone chairman and club secretary, gave the report on the cabinet meeting which was held Monday evening in Eastland.

Lion Roland stated that the International Lion President would be present at the mid-winter meeting in Mineral Wells on January 14 and urged all Lions to attend.

It was reported that clubs in this district would observe October as membership month instead of January. The Merkel Club was given a goal to increase its membership by at least 10% during this campaign.

Mr. Roland reported that the Crippled Children's Camp at Kerrville will start rehabilitating people who had recently gone blind, starting Sept. 1, 1957.

This program would occupy the remaining 9 months of the year at a very nominal cost and will provide another service for those who are less fortunate.

The camp reached its full quota of 720 youngsters again this year. With the addition of the blind rehabilitation the camp would be in operation the year round with a full time staff.

The Lions number one project is sight conservation and it's state project is the Crippled Children's Camp.

Dr. Kenneth Morrison, Merkel's new dentist, was presented a membership certificate by Carroll Benson, vice president, who presided in the absence of Lion President, Herman Carson.

Mrs. A. C. Terry of Fort Worth and Mrs. J. T. Dorsey and children of Midland are visiting their mother, Mrs. Ira Moore.

Janice Hill visited in Monahans last week with Mrs. Ollie Skidmore and Mr. and Mrs. Murrel Thornton.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Admitted: Jimmy Hargrove, Loy Chilcutt, Mr. Oscar Hernandez, Mrs. Oscar Hernandez, Mrs. Wendell Bockman, Mrs. O. E. Mathews, Dick Leach, Mrs. George Watson, Mrs. Vidal Venzor, Mrs. H. A. Johnston, Mrs. T. T. Earthman, Mrs. L. R. Brazill, Mrs. Frank Demere, Mrs. W. M. Cooper, Mrs. Jay Wallace, Mrs. Eva Garza, Bobby Hammond, Mageline Gregory, Victor Howard, Mrs. Leona Conley, Byrde Thomas, Rev. C. G. Sewell. Dismissed: Mrs. Joe D. Gregory, V. R. Justice, Mrs. Bob Hicks, Chera Corder, R. A. McKeever, M. L. Jones, Mrs. Doug Carricker, Mrs. J. A. Patterson, Jimmy Hargrove, Mr. Oscar Hernandez, Mrs. Oscar Hernandez, Mrs. Wendell Bockman and baby boy, Mrs. O. E. Mathews, Dick Leach, Mrs. George Watson and baby, Mrs. Vidal Venzor, Mrs. H. A. Johnston, Mrs. T. T. Earthman, Bobby Hammond, Mageline Gregory.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

The Joy Boys appearing on KRBC at 11:45 each morning include in their personnel three of Merkel's young musicians: Norman Bicknell, tenor, guitar and Coval; John Duran, guitar, and Winston Polly, bass viol.

Fire at 4:30 Wednesday morning almost completely destroyed the Cecil Guthrie cottage near the south end of Oak street, which was occupied at the time by Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Wallace.

Miss Pearl Mathews entertained a few friends Tuesday afternoon from four till six to compliment Miss Mary Hendricks of Corpus Christi.

Games were played until tea time when refreshments were served to Misses Mary Hendricks, Frances Higgins, Dorma Lee Shel-

ton, Mabel Murry, Comora Hughes, Laverne Harwell, Mary Nell Morgan, Thelma Mathews, Joyce Hayes, Wilma McAninch and the hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen D. King and son Allen D., Jr., and Miss Olive May Reed attended the Angora Goat sale at Junction last week. They went on to San Antonio where they visited their aunt and family Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Frazier, on West Summit avenue. They went on to Corpus Christi, Aransas Pass, Port Aransas and stayed one day and night on Mustang Island.

Enjoying a visit to Carlsbad Caverns last week-end were Misses Alice Russell and Sybil Harris, Miss Mary Lou Young, blood of Abilene and Leo Harris.

MERKEL 40 YEARS AGO

The art display given by Miss Irene Swann last Friday afternoon was attended by over 100 interested parties. Miss Swann has a large and beautiful collection. She is an artist of great ability and we predict that she is bound to go high upon the ladder of fame.

Saturday night as W. N. Hall was driving in town an automobile recklessly ran into the rear of his buggy practically demolishing the vehicle. The compact threw Mr. Hall out of the buggy and on the sidewalk bruising him considerably.

The driver of the car proved to be a heartless fellow that ought to be in the penitentiary. He drove

on as if he had done the proper thing without even stopping to make inquiry into the extent of injury.

A short time ago a car of ladies south of town was run into by a reckless driver. Later there was an accident east of town. There are too many such accidents and some method will have to be adopted soon to correct the evil. Miss Ethel Jenkins who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Patterson has returned to her home in Dallas.

Chester Hall who has been accepted for service in the navy, left Sunday night for Dallas. From there he will go in training at the Chicago Camp.

Taylor Oil News

Gulf Oil Corp. No. 2 V. Hudson is to be drilled as a proposed 5-100-foot rotary project. Location is three miles north of Merkel in Taylor County Regular Field.

Drill site is 467 feet from the south and east lines of Lot 30, DeWitt CSL Survey 149. It is 1,630 feet southeast of Gulf No. 1 Hudson, recently completed as a dual well.

Five miles north of Tye, a Jones County Regular Field project is to be drilled to 2,300 feet with rotary. The venture is Wayne Petroleum Co., Abilene, No. 1 Wilmer Criswell.

Site for No. 1 Criswell is 467 feet from the south and 330 feet from the east lines of Section 24, Block 17, T&P Survey.

A southeast Jones wildcat was spotted 10 miles northeast of Abilene. Located at the Jones-Taylor County line, it is Howard & Fitzgerald of Abilene No. 1 Hattie V. Reeves.

Slated for 2,750 feet with rotary, it is 990 feet from the south and 2,330 feet from the east lines of Section 13, BAL Survey.

G. B. Cree, et al. of Abilene filed application with the Railroad Commission for permission to drill a proposed 3,000-foot rotary wildcat 8 1/2 miles west of Tuscola. The Taylor County test is No. 2 H. R. Roberts. Site is 3,993 feet from the north and 2,970 feet from the east lines of J. W. N. A. Smith Survey 271.

Laramore Oil Exploration Co. of Fort Worth No. 1 S. L. Rowell

was staked three miles north of Tuscola in the North Tuscola (Flippen) Field.

Permit depth applied for is 2-100 feet with rotary. Site for No. 1 Rowell is 1,150 feet from the north and 1,840 feet from the east lines of Section 67, Block 1, SP Survey.

Taylor County Regular Field three miles east of Buffalo Gap has gained a new well. The older is Fox & Ramsdell of Abilene No. 13 Alton J. Willingham, Section 64, LAL Survey.

Daily potential was 36 barrels of 40 gravity oil, plus 64 per cent water. It is pumping from 16 perforations at 2,050-54 feet. Casing is set at 2,135 feet, total depth.

West Central Drilling Co., et al. of Abilene No. 1 Arthel Henson, Section 43, LAL Survey, wildcat 3 1/2 miles northeast of Buffalo Gap, was plugged at 2,161 feet.

Four miles west of Ovalo in the Ulander (Gray) Field, a project was plugged at 4,618 feet. That dry hole was S. C. Herring Drilling Co. of Abilene No. 1-B F. O. Graham, H. B. Akles Survey 529.

A discovery well looms for the area six miles southwest of Trent in northeast Nolan County. The wildcat is Champlin Oil & Refining Co. and R. J. Caraway No. 1 L. H. Beckham, Section 2, Block X, T&P Survey.

Monday No. 1 Beckham was drilling below 5,990 feet.

Latest drillstem test had been taken at 5,440-71 feet in the Strawn line. Recovery was 2-122 feet of free oil, and 300 feet of heavily oil and gas-cut mud.

On a drillstem test at 3,604-13 feet in the Tannehill it recovered 620 feet of oil, and 100 feet of fresh water. Next test from 3,613-32 feet recovered 150 feet of oil, and 30 feet of heavily oil and gas-cut mud.

Proposed depth is 6,700 feet

FACT and FANCY

I guess one should pass over such things lightly but I couldn't help being somewhat interested in a small news item I encountered recently about the prominent psychiatrist who stabbed his wife with an ice pick and then shot himself to death. Actually with the Confidential and Whisper thing in the papers I guess there are more interesting matters to contemplate.

There are several aspects of this psychiatrist's homicidal jag that interest me, however. One is why he changed weapons for the two jobs. I can see that if he stabbed his wife in a fit of anger and used the pick because it happened to be handy, he might, on thinking it over, logically reject it as a suitable instrument for killing himself. Only a man with ice water in his veins would have been able to use the pick.

On the other hand, there is a strong possibility that the attack on his wife was premeditated and that he deliberated long and hard over which weapon to use before finally taking his pick. Then again, being a psychiatrist, it is not unlikely that he used this weapon to drive home the point that his wife was a cold, cold woman.

Of course, the most interesting aspect of the story is that a guy who is in the business of keeping some of us neurotic-types on our rockers should blow his own emotional fuse. It's sort of on the same order as the child psychologist whose kid is a brat, the marriage counselor whose wife is a shrew, or the temperance worker who drops off the wagon on occasion.

Somehow it makes us ordinary-type people who don't claim to be any great shakes but who don't get in any real trouble feel a little better. I'll admit that's sort of a negative attitude but in this August heat, what can you expect?

Recently one of the directors of the Gonzales Warm Springs Rehabilitation Foundation received the following letter from a man who had brought his daughter to the center for an evaluation. I reproduce it here because it is a pretty nice commentary on the "team" we have at the Foundation.

"Though I've lost considerable time taking our daughter to Gonzales Warm Springs today I cannot start back to work without taking time to express my thanks

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as well as to indicate the real relief of mind we received from the consultation. This experience has left my wife and me with warm thanks in our hearts for all of you; Mr. Davis (registrar) for handling our correspondence so ably and promptly; Miss Sparks (secretary) for the warm reception and friendly courtesy extended regardless of many other duties; Dr. Murray (orthopedic consultant) and your Dr. Von (medical director) for their careful handling and thorough examination they gave our child

while instilling confidence in her mind at the same time. Dr. Von has an amazing adeptness in child and parent psychology that alone justifies his heading that hospital. Our thanks too to Mr. Witt and his assistant in the brace shop, and to Mr. Putnam, administrator—we are on his side too. Should he call on me I would consider it a pleasure to be of service to him."

WALTER H. RICHTER

Mrs. E. C. Reilhardt nee Madilene Adkisson from San Antonio is visiting her aunt Sally Orr. Her mother who has been here for an indefinite time will accompany her daughter home to San Antonio.

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PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO BE VOTED ON AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 5, 1937.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 27 proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Texas adding a section to be known as Section 49c of Article III, providing for the issuance and sale of bonds of the State of Texas to create the Texas Water Development Fund for the conservation and development of the water resources of the State, providing for the payment of such bonds, creating an agency to administer said fund and to perform other duties prescribed by law, limiting the period during which financial assistance may be granted, and providing for the calling of an election and the publication and issuance of the proclamation therefor.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Article III of the Constitution of Texas be amended by adding a new section thereto, to be known as Section 49c, as follows: "Any or all financial assistance as provided herein shall be repaid with interest upon such bonds, in the manner and on the terms as may be provided by law."

"While any of the bonds authorized by this provision or while any of the bonds that may be authorized by the Legislature under this provision, or any interest on any of such bonds, is outstanding and unpaid, there is hereby appropriated out of the first moneys coming into the Treasury in each fiscal year, not otherwise appropriated by this Constitution, an amount which is sufficient to pay the principal and interest on such bonds that mature or become due during such fiscal year, less the amount in the sinking fund at the close of the prior fiscal year."

"The Legislature may provide for the investment of moneys available in the investment of moneys available in the Texas Water Development Fund, and the interest and sinking funds established for the payment of bonds issued by the Texas Water Development Board. Income from such investment shall be used for the purposes prescribed by the Legislature. The Legislature may also make appropriations from the General Revenue Fund for paying administrative expenses of the Board."

"From the moneys received by the Texas Water Development Board as repayment of principal for financial assistance or as interest thereon, there shall be deposited in the interest and sinking fund for the bonds authorized by this Section sufficient moneys to pay the interest and principal to become due during the ensuing year and sufficient to establish and maintain a reserve in said fund equal to the average annual principal and interest requirements on all outstanding bonds issued under this Section. If any year prior to December 31, 1932 moneys are received in excess of the foregoing requirements then such excess shall be deposited to the Texas Water De-

velopment Fund, and may be used for administrative expenses of the Board and for the same purposes and upon the same conditions and on the same terms as provided in the Constitution of Texas including river authority, conservation and reclamation, and other purposes authorized or organized under Article XVI, Section 19 or Article III, Section 52, of this Constitution, interstate compact commissions to which the State of Texas is a party, and municipal corporations, in the conservation and development of the water resources of this State, including the control, storage and preservation of its storm and flood waters and the waters of its rivers and streams, for all useful and lawful purposes for the acquisition, improvement, extension or construction of dams, reservoirs and other water storage projects, including any system for the transportation of water from water storage to points of treatment and/or distribution, including facilities for transporting water therefrom to wholesale purchasers, or for any one or more of such purposes or methods."

"Should the Legislature enact enabling laws in anticipation of the adoption of this amendment, such acts shall not be void by reason of their anticipatory nature."

Sec. 2. The foregoing amendment to the Constitution shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held on the 5th day of November, 1937, same being the 1st Tuesday after the 1st Monday in said November, 1937, at which election each ballot shall have printed thereon the following words:

"FOR the amendment to the Constitution of Texas adding a new section to be known as Section 49c of Article III, authorizing the issuance and sale of Two Hundred Million Dollars (\$200,000,000) in bonds by the State of Texas to create the Texas Water Development Fund to provide financial assistance to certain political subdivisions or bodies politic and corporate of the State of Texas in the conservation and development of the water resources of the State."

"AGAINST the amendment to the Constitution of Texas adding a new section to be known as Section 49c of Article III, authorizing the issuance and sale of Two Hundred Million Dollars (\$200,000,000) in bonds by the State of Texas to create the Texas Water Development Fund to provide financial assistance to certain political subdivisions or bodies politic and corporate of the State of Texas in the conservation and development of the water resources of the State."

Sec. 3. The Governor of the State of Texas shall issue the necessary proclamation for said election and have the same published as required by the Constitution and laws of this State. The expense of publication and election for such amendment shall be paid out of the proper appropriation made by law.

not inconsistent with restrictions herein set forth; provided however, that the amount of such assistance out of state funds to each person assisted shall never exceed the amount so expended out of federal funds; and provided further, that the total amount of money to be expended out of state funds for such assistance to the needy aged, needy blind, and needy children shall never exceed the sum of Forty-seven Million Dollars (\$47,000,000) per year.

"The Legislature shall enact appropriate laws to make lists of the recipients of aid hereunder available for inspection."

"Supplementing legislative appropriations for assistance payments authorized by this section, the following sums are allocated out of the Omnibus Tax Clearance Fund and are appropriated to the State Department of Public Welfare for the period beginning December 1, 1937, and ending August 31, 1939: Four Million, Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,900,000) for Aid to the Blind, One Hundred, Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000) for Aid to Dependent Children, and Five Hundred, Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$525,000) for Aid to Needy Children. Such allocations and appropriations shall be subject to the provisions of currently existing laws making allocations and appropriations for such assistance."

Sec. 2. The following Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to the qualified electors of Texas at an election to be held throughout the State of Texas on the 5th day of November, 1937, at which election there shall be printed on such ballot the following clause:

"FOR the Constitutional Amendment increasing the limit on the maximum monthly payment to needy aged persons from state funds from Twenty Dollars (\$20) per month to Twenty-five Dollars (\$25) per month subject to certain conditions for payment in excess of Twenty-one Dollars (\$21) per month and on the total yearly expenditure out of state funds for assistance to needy aged, needy blind, and needy children from Forty-two Million Dollars (\$42,000,000) per year to Forty-seven Million Dollars (\$47,000,000) per year, and allocating and appropriating additional sums, supplementing current legislative appropriations, for payment of assistance grants."

Sec. 3. The Governor of Texas shall issue the necessary proclamation for the election and this Amendment shall be published as required by the Constitution and laws of this State.

ABUNDANT LIFE

BY ORAL ROBERTS

Two little girls were gathering roses. One of them ran into the house crying, "Mother," she said, "every rose I have gathered has stuck me with its thorns." The other laughed gaily and said, "Mother, all my thorns have roses!"

What would you have seen—roses or thorns? Some people are sicker than others because of their melancholy outlook on life. They see the bad side of life because they practice wrong thinking and wrong believing. It is the people who resist self pity, who refuse to feel sorry for themselves, who will not allow themselves to cringe and whimper about life's struggle who know what living really is. They are the ones who can stand up and say, "I love God; I have faith in God. I believe God is with me, and if he is with me nothing can ever separate me from him. I will succeed in his name."

I learn a wonderful lesson from the eagle. When a storm strikes an eagle, he sets his wings in such a way that the winds lift him above the storm by their very fury. It is the set of the wings that does it. One ship drives East, and one drives West, by the very same wind that blows. It is the set of the sail and not the gale that determines the way the ship goes. Yes, and it is the right use of our faith that determines how the storms that come our way will treat us. We will rise above the storm. Its very fury will send us higher and higher towards God—or else it will wreck us for time and eternity. Faith makes the difference. A young man out of college said to his father, "Dad do you still believe there is a God?" "Yes, son," "Well, if there is a God, where is he?" The father smiled and said, "Son, where is he not?"

God is present everywhere at the same time. He is like the sun when it is shining. You may close your eyes but the sun shines right on—whether you look toward it or not. You do not have to go anywhere to find God for he is here and he is there. I find him here through my faith. You will find him there through your faith. You can find him today. Let me emphasize that faith in God is the greatest single possession you will ever have in this world. There are people who think if they had lots of money, they would have everything. In my city there is a very rich woman who was afflicted with an incurable disease. One day her doctor came in and said to her, "Well, how are you today?" She said, "About the same, doctor and how are you?" He said, "Lady, there is nothing wrong with me that a million dollars won't cure." She said, "Doctor, I have a million dollars and you can't cure me."

In this world money is necessary and God has promised to supply our needs—all of them—according to his riches by Christ Jesus. But the most important thing in this world and in eternity is to have faith, faith in God.

NUMBER ONE ON THE BALLOT

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO BE VOTED ON AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 5, 1937.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 27 proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Texas adding a section to be known as Section 49a of Article III, providing for the issuance and sale of bonds of the State of Texas to create the Texas Water Development Fund for the conservation and development of the water resources of the State, providing for the payment of such bonds, creating an agency to administer said fund and to perform other duties prescribed by law, limiting the period during which financial assistance may be granted, and providing for the calling of an election and the publication and issuance of the proclamation therefor.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Subsection (a) of Section 62, Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended to read, hereinafter as follows:

"Section 62. (a.) The Legislature shall have the authority to levy taxes to provide a State Retirement, Disability and Death Compensation Fund for the officers and employees of the State, and may make such reasonable inclusions, exclusions, or classifications of officers and employees of the State as it deems advisable. The Legislature may also include officers and employees of judicial districts of the State who are or have been compensated in whole or in part directly or indirectly by the State, and may make such other reasonable inclusions, exclusions, or classifications of officers and employees of judicial districts of this State as it deems advisable. Persons participating in retirement systems created pursuant to Section 1-a of Article XVI of this Constitution shall not be eligible to participate in the Fund authorized in this Subsection and persons participating in a retirement system created pursuant to Section 48-a of Article III of this Constitution shall not be eligible to participate in the Fund authorized in this Subsection except as permitted by Section 1-a of Article XVI of this Constitution. This Constitution, shall not be eligible to participate in the Fund authorized in this Subsection, except as otherwise provided herein. The amount contributed by the State to such Fund shall equal the amount contributed by the State to the income of such person, and shall not exceed at any time five per centum (5%) of the compensation paid to such person by the State."

"All funds provided from the compensation of such person, or by the State of Texas for such Retirement, Disability and Death Compensation Fund, shall be received by the Treasurer of the State of Texas, and shall be invested in bonds of the United States or in bonds issued by any agency of the United States Government, the payment of the principal and interest on which is guaranteed by the United States; or in such other securities as may be provided by law, to be permitted by law as investments for the Permanent University Fund or for the Permanent School Fund of this State, under the same limitations and restrictions imposed by the Constitution for investment of those funds and subject to such regulations as the Legislature may provide. However, a sufficient amount of said Fund shall be kept on hand to meet the immediate payment of the amount likely to become due each year out of said Fund, such amount of funds to be kept on hand to be determined by the agency which may be provided by law to administer said Fund."

"Should the Legislature enact enabling laws in anticipation of the adoption of this Amendment, such legislation shall not be invalid by reason of its anticipatory character."

Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at a special election to be held throughout the State on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1937, at which election all ballots shall have printed thereon the following:

"FOR the Constitutional Amendment amending Subsection (a) of Section 62, Article XVI of the State Constitution, relating to establishment of a retirement, disability and death compensation fund for officers and employees of the State."

"AGAINST the Constitutional Amendment amending Subsection (a) of Section 62, Article XVI of the State Constitution, relating to establishment of a retirement, disability and death compensation fund for officers and employees of the State."

Sec. 3. The Governor of the State of Texas is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said special election and this Amendment shall be published as required by the Constitution and laws of this State.

Starr Rest Home

By MARY OUTLAW

Everyone is O. K. at this writing.

Joe Baker of Winters visited his brother G. B. Baker Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Carr and daughters Thelma and Lillian of Van Court, Texas visited her mother Sarah Carr Saturday and brought watermelon for the patients which we appreciate very much.

R. A. McCollum of Abilene visited uncle Ben Wheeler Sunday.

Rev. L. W. Baker of Lorengo, Texas visited his father R. G. Baker Monday.

Thanks to Mrs. Phillips for the okra that she gave the home last week.

Mrs. Lee Rester of Eye visited with Aunt Emma Adecock Monday.

N. A. Smedley has been visiting his old home at Rowden the past few days. He returned to the Rest Home Tuesday.

Mr. Clarence Merrick of Abilene visited his grandmother, Mrs. Smothers Monday night.

Bob and Sue Myers came and conducted the singing services Sunday in the absence of Frank and Ethel Carr. Keith Tarpley came and helped sing. Mrs. Mae Seago played the piano for them.

Rev. Sewell of the First Baptist Church filled his appointment at the Rest Home Sunday at 3 p.m. Mrs. Sewell played the Piano. Mrs. Booth and Mrs. L. Ford helped sing. The old folks really enjoyed the services and invite them again.

Mr. Ross Owens of Odessa visited the Outlaws Sunday and Monday. Mr. Owens used to live in Merkel years ago.

Mrs. Clara Belle Moore visited her father John Mansfield Monday.

Sarah Hunter returned to her

home on the plains after visiting with her Grandmother Mrs. Ina Hunter and with her father R. D. Hunter who is now in our Rest Home for a while. We appreciated Sarah's playing the piano for our old folks for they really enjoyed it.

Thank Mr. Tom Bagsley for the okra he has given the home.

We have our lovely oil painting that Mr. Trobe Vaughn sent us from California. It is a large painting of the Good Shepherd and we want every one that visits us to see it for we appreciate it so much. It is a blessing to the old folks just to sit and look at it. We have written Mr. Vaughn a letter of thanks.

Tourists returning to the U.S. from foreign countries are urged to resist the urge to bring back with them unprocessed foods, plants and seeds. Such materials can harbor insect pests harmful to agriculture, says C. F. Garner, extension entomologist.

Farmers and commercial cotton insecticide applicators are cautioned by Extension Entomologist F. M. Fuller to use extreme care in handling the highly toxic phosphorus compounds now being used to control cotton insects. Follow the manufacturers directions to the letter, advises Fuller.

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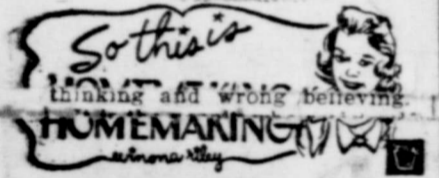
Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Tindall observed their 50th wedding anniversary with a dinner at their home Sunday for their children.

Mrs. Tindall is the former Lena Wilkinson. The couple lived in Runnels County after their marriage and moved to Fisher County in 1917. They lived in Shamrock from 1929 until 1939 when they moved back to Fisher County.

Mr. and Mrs. Tindall have five children. Mrs. Darl Mauldin of Stephenville; Mrs. Andrew Ford of Sylvester; Mrs. Guy Mauldin of Sylvester; Mrs. Oran B. Mauldin of Abilene; and Capt. H. E. Tindall of the U S Army who has just completed his schooling in Syracuse, N.Y., and is on leave before going to Korea.

Mr. and Mrs. Tindall are members of the Sylvester Methodist Church.

The White Fly draws sap from the plant and stimulates the formation of black mold on leaves. This weakens plants so they may die, especially during unfavorable weather.



So this is
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HOMEMAKING

It's easy to tell when your husband isn't feeling well. One look at Bill's eyes and I know if he's caught a cold. This morning I saw the signal. "Better have a double orange juice," I told him. "Looks like you've got a case of summer sniffles!"

"Small wonder I don't have pneumonia," he mumbled. "It was summer when I went to bed and winter when I woke up. Wind must have shifted."

"What you need is a built-in thermostat," I replied, "or an air conditioned bedroom."

To my surprise, Bill said he'd been thinking about that too. "I even did some looking," he admitted, "after I got the low-down from people around the office. Fellow across the hall says he has an RCA Whirlpool room air conditioner and it does have a built-in thermostat. You just set the temperature you want and the air conditioner automatically adjusts to sudden drops and rises outdoors."

"I sort of hate to fill up a window with an air conditioner, though," I mused. "They're not exactly beautiful."

"This one is really good looking," Bill insisted, "and it's only 16 1/2 inches high, so it wouldn't fill up the window at all. It's thin enough to be mounted flush with the inside wall with hardly any overhang outside."

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The Family
The Turpin Family

FACT and FANCY

I see by the papers that a Ph.D.-type female has unduly dignified some of the frailties of mankind and womankind in an address before 938 business and professional women convening in Honolulu recently. Dr. Sylvia A. Sorokin, head of a St. Louis business consultant firm, told the girls that it is normal to hate to get up in the morning, to want to quit work, to tell white lies, and to want to feel important.

Now these observations may be perfectly sound, but it is my considered opinion that Dr. Sorokin might better have stuck to such safe subjects as the economic index, wage scales, labor relations or whatever it is that a business consultant normally consults about.

It is one thing to hate to get up in the morning; it's another to create a climate which encourages Maw to roll over in her sack in the a.m. and announce, "Fix your own coffee and eggs, lord and master, normal little of me wants to honor a normal little of urge and stay in the sack a spell."

How can you criticize anyone for being normal? And what about these white lies? The tradition that dates back to George Washington, I'm afraid, has had it last and telling blow. By Dr. Sorokin's standards, George could have said "Paw, it must be of been termites" and been just as potent a hero as he was.

As I see it, the trouble with overlooking white lies is that it is sometimes difficult to draw the line between a white lie and one that borders on being detergent gray. Before you know it, someone will tell an all-out whopper, get caught, and try to wiggle out of it by pleading normalcy.

When the full impact of Ais Honolulu speech is felt, I sincerely hope that Dr. Sorokin will be called to task and duly chastised.

Detroit's bus exhaust fumes will soon be perfumed with the aroma of roses. We still say an exhaust is an exhaust is an exhaust.

She made her bed; now let her lie out of it.

CASE REPORT: Doris Leech. Route 1, Albany, age 14, was completely paralyzed except for her hands and face when she came to the Gonzales Warm Springs Rehabilitation Foundation in August, 1952. When she left three months later, she could walk with the aid of two long leg locked braces, a corset, and crutches.

She says, "Now, after surgery on my right leg in 1955 and another three months at the Foundation, I can do just about anything my friends can do—with the help of my corset, crutches, and one long leg unlocked brace. I am very proud of my posture which I have gained by wearing a head traction from 1955 until now. I only wear it around home now."

Doris was valedictorian when she graduated from junior high school last May. She studies piano which she terms her "greatest pleasure." After high school she plans to go to college and major in business and minor in religion.

"I owe my whole life to the works of GWSRF and the people I've met there," Doris declares.

SHORT SNORTS

Trial of Ex-Rep. James E. Cox of Conroe has been postponed until Oct. 7. Cox is charged with consenting to accept a bribe . . . Texas Republicans take a dim view of the 55th Legislature. GOP's official "minority" report charged the lawmakers had "failed miserably" to cope with corruption, lobby control, loan sharks, congressional redistricting and fiscal problems. It blamed one-party control. Texas Highway Commission announced the highest-in-history operating budget for the coming fiscal year — \$72,498,650.

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hot. Some symptoms of this hot and bothered condition, says Bob Griffin, extension poultry specialist, are low egg production, lower feed consumption, a higher water consumption rate and some death losses. Good hot weather management of the laying flock, he says, will pay big dividends.

Mealybugs also kill by sapping plants. They gather under bark and in rough places on trunk and limbs. Where infestation is heavy, clusters of bugs may be found up and down the stems.

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Mrs. Floy Ryan of Dallas spent the week with her mother, Mrs. Pearl Ash. Mrs. Ryan is an adjustment investigator for Neiman-Marcus.

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Farmers are reminded by C. H. Bates, extension farm management specialist, that they may now apply for a refund on the 3-cent Federal tax on gasoline used for farming. The refund claimed must be based on the quantity of fuel used for farming purposes on individual farms and ranches during the period from July 1, 1956 to June 30, 1957.

The week of July 21-27 has been proclaimed as Farm Safety Week in the nation, and Governor Daniel has also asked rural neighbors in a continuing campaign to join with their friends and neighbors in preventing needless farm accidents.

Manly, Vick Vows Read In Parsonage

Karen Sue Manly and James Dan Vick were married at 6 o'clock Friday evening in the home of the Rev. Oscar Fanning, 310 N. 13th St.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kline Manly, Rt. 1, and her husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Cox, Rt. 1, Hawley.

Larry Sloan and Nita Harvey were wedding attendants. Following a trip to Carlsbad, N.M., the newlyweds will live in Putnam, where Vick will be employed as coach in the Putnam school.

A graduate of Hawley High School, Vick will receive a degree in physical education from Abilene Christian College Aug. 23. At ACC, he is a member of Galaxy, Kappa Delta Pi and the badminton varsity team.

Mrs. Vick, an Abilene High School graduate, has been employed by West Texas Utilities. She attended ACC for a year and a half.

James Dan is the son of the late Carlton Vick, former Merkel Chief.

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Robbins, McCollum Vows Exchanged

Mary Elizabeth Robbins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Robbins of Tye and Leonard McCollum, 2133 Russell Ave., Abilene, were married Aug. 8 in Tye Baptist Church.

He is the son of Mrs. J. L. McCollum, 818 S. 7th St., Abilene.

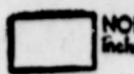
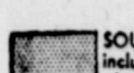

The Rev. Frank Knox officiated for the double ring ceremony. David Bailey of Abilene was best man and Royce Blackford of Abilene attended the bride. Miss Blackford wore a dress of coral lace with matching fitted jacket and blue carnation corsage.

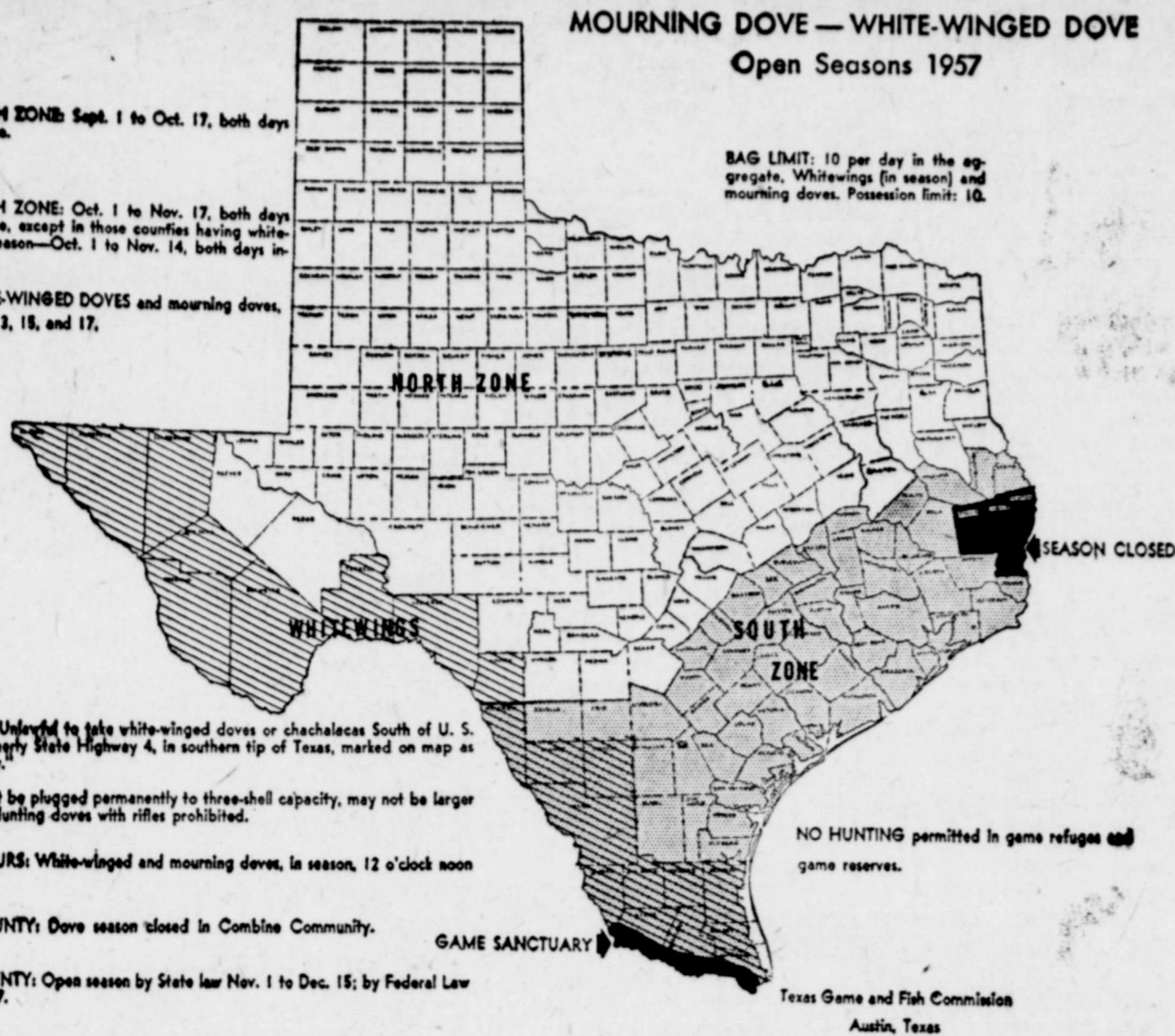
The bride wore a dress of blue lace over net and taffeta, styled with V-shaped waistline and full skirt. Fitted jacket was blue lace. She carried white carnations atop a white Bible.

Mr. and Mrs. McCollum are living at 1501 N. 15th St., after returning from their wedding trip to Denver, Colo.

A graduate of Merkel High School, she is employed by American Fore Insurance Group. He is a graduate of Abilene High School and is employed by M System Stores.

MOURNING DOVE — WHITE-WINGED DOVE Open Seasons 1957

-  **NORTH ZONE:** Sept. 1 to Oct. 17, both days inclusive.
-  **SOUTH ZONE:** Oct. 1 to Nov. 17, both days inclusive, except in those counties having white-wing season—Oct. 1 to Nov. 14, both days inclusive.
-  **WHITE-WINGED DOVES and mourning doves,** Sept. 13, 15, and 17.



SPECIAL NOTE: Unlawful to take white-winged doves or chachalacas South of U. S. Highway 83, formerly State Highway 4, in southern tip of Texas, marked on map as "Game Sanctuary."

SHOTGUNS must be plugged permanently to three-shell capacity, may not be larger than 10 gauge. Hunting doves with rifles prohibited.

SHOOTING HOURS: White-winged and mourning doves, in season, 12 o'clock noon to sunset.

KAUFMAN COUNTY: Dove season closed in Combine Community.

McMULLEN COUNTY: Open season by State law Nov. 1 to Dec. 15; by Federal Law Oct. 1 to Nov. 17.

BAG LIMIT: 10 per day in the aggregate. White-wings (in season) and mourning doves. Possession limit: 10.

NO HUNTING permitted in game refuges and game reserves.

Texas Game and Fish Commission
Austin, Texas

Dove Season To Open September 1 With Largest Crop In Years

It's time to drag the shotgun from the corner in the closet and wipe off the lint. The 1957 shooting season will begin Sunday noon, Sept. 1, for mourning dove in the north zone, according to the director of law enforcement of the Game and Fish Commission.

Thirty days later the season will open in the south zone.

The seasons extend: north zone, Sept. 1 to Oct. 17 inclusive; south zone, Oct. 1 to Nov. 17, inclusive.

The white wing season has been authorized for the Rio Grande Valley area for Sept. 13, 15, 17. The dove bag limit is 10 per day, with 10 in possession.

Shooting is allowed from noon until sunset.

Under federal and state regulations all shotguns must be plugged to three-shell capacity. Shooting from vehicles or across the highways is prohibited.

The director issued warning to shooters to make arrangements with land owners for their hunts.

Three East Texas counties, Jasper, Tyler and Newton will have no open season. In a local bill, these counties were excluded from the general laws and a

special season is set up. This special season is in conflict with the federal laws.

Reports from all over the state indicate the largest dove crop in years. It is estimated that some 600,000 white-wings will be available for the Valley hunt.

Mourning doves are plentiful now in every area. Unless there is a drastic change in weather conditions before Sept. 1, they are expected to remain in the local areas. Cooler weather or rains could change this condition. Water hole shooting also can be affected greatly, especially if heavy rains fill new water holes, providing too much water in various areas where food is available.

"Every safety precaution should be used," the director said. "Hunting season usually brings on several accidental deaths, due entirely to carelessness."

He also warned that all persons between the ages of 17 and 65 need licenses when hunting outside their home counties. These licenses now are available from wardens and other authorized license dealers throughout the state.

Rudder Made Major General

AUSTIN — Earl Rudder, commanding general of Texas' 90th Infantry Division, has been notified by the Department of the Army of his promotion to major general.

His promotion was dated May 7. It was approved by the U. S. Senate Monday (5 August).

The 47-year-old general, who is Land Commissioner of Texas in civilian life, is a decorated veteran of World War II.

Of his combat record, he is best known for leading his rangers up the chalk cliffs of Pointe du Hoe, France, on D-Day, June 6, 1944.

Later, a regiment under his command helped turn the German attack during the Battle of the Bulge.

Gen. Rudder was graduated from Texas A&M in 1932. He went on active duty in the Army in 1941 as a first lieutenant, and he was a colonel when released from the service in 1946.

He has since served as mayor of Brady, vice-president of Brady Aviation Corporation, and on the State Board of Public Welfare. In January, 1955, he was appointed Land Commissioner.

He was promoted to brigadier general in December, 1954. General Rudder is married to the former Margaret Williamson of Menard. They have five children.

Recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Patterson were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Patterson, Pam and Pat of Waco. Mrs. Kemp Hinch, Henry, Homer and Sonny of Odessa, and Mrs. Ray Evans and Ann of Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wurst returned recently from Fort Knox, Ky. where they spent several days with Pvt. Dale Wurst. They also visited Mammoth Caves and spent some time in Louisville, Ky.

Dixie Wade Honored With Gift Shower

Dixie Ruth Wade was honored with a pre-nuptial gift shower Tuesday night in the home of Sue Sylvester.

Co-hostesses were Kay Toombs, Janice Rutledge, Pat Butman, Joann Johnson, Wanda Hendricks, Mrs. J. V. Hester, and Mrs. Chas. Sylvester.

The serving table was laid with a white linen cloth and centered with an arrangement of blue carnations.

Receiving guests with the honoree were her mother, Mrs. O. B. Wade, Mrs. F. N. Bolding, mother of the groom to be, and Sue Sylvester.

Miss Wade is the bride-elect of Dennis Bolding. They will be married August 30 in the First Methodist Church.

Irl Walkers Have Visitors

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Irl Walker last week were their grandchildren, Mike, Mark and Lynn of Mason and Cadmus, Irl and Marla Brown of Jayton. Visiting in the Walker home for the week-end were Mr. and Mrs. Brown of Jayton; Wayne Reeves of Roby; Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Walker, who were returning from Dallas where he had attended the Coaching School; and Judge and Mrs. R. L. Toll of Pecos, parents of Mrs. Jimmy Walker.

A shower for pigs will pay during the hot months of the year. E. M. Regenbrecht, extension swine husbandman, says a no. 3 Tee Jet nozzle spraying as little as 2½ gallons of water an hour will keep from 6 to 10 pigs comfortably cool all day without crowding. It's good management to keep livestock comfortable.

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WANTED—Someone to piece quilts on halves. Vera's Custom Shop.

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LOST OR STRAYED—2 doggie calves from the White Church community. Phone 157-J, Doyal Barnes. 22-3tc

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NOTICE MASONS
Stated meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710. A.F. & A.M. Thursday Aug. 22 8:00 p.m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited.
T. J. Bird Sr. W. M.
C. B. Rust, Secretary.

STATED Meeting for Eastern Star Chapter 212 will be August 27, 8:00 p.m.
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FOR SALE—IHC 16, 10 Grain Drill, W9 IHC Tractor, 14 1/2 Massey Harris One Way, Farmall 20, Tractor, 53 model Ford Tractor IHC Broadcast Birtler, 12 ft. Massey Harris self propelled combine. House and lot 5 rooms and bath. 604 Rose St. Phone 344 R. 23-3tp

FOR SALE—Stith Store. Inquire G. D. Miller. 23-3tp

FOR SALE—Wheat drill 12 ft., 3 disc one way. See or call G. N. Reynolds at Trent. Phone 29382. 23-3tc

FOR SALE—Buescher coronet, good condition. Mrs. Bill Teff, Phone 9060-W1. 22-2tc

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FOR SALE—The Mrs. J. S. Swann, two apartment house near church and school at 1207 S. 4th Street. Will Finance. Contact Sam Swann, Phone 52. 18-1tc

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tiffs allege that they are the owners of all of the surface and of 1/2 of the minerals under such property, and that their interest, and the interest of all other mineral owners except the interest standing in the name of the Defendants is now under lease and that the present owner of such leases will drill a test well for oil and gas, on such property in the event a lease can be obtained upon the interest of the Defendants; that the Defendants have not rendered or paid any taxes on said mineral interests during at least five years successively next preceding the filing of this suit, and that the said Defendants and/or their heirs are unknown to Plaintiffs and that Plaintiffs bring this cause under the provisions of Article 2320B of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 6th day of August A.D. 1957.

(SEAL)
Attest: R. H. Ross, Clerk, 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas.

By Mrs. Jesse R. Swindle, Deputy.

Legal Column

THE STATE OF TEXAS
To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas—
GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least twenty-eight days before the return day thereof, in a newspaper printed in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: LINA ELFRIEDE WILDERMUTH, Defendant, Greeting: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 23rd day of September A. D. 1957, to Plaintiff's petition filed in said court on the 9th day of August A. D. 1957, in this cause, numbered 22-343-A on the docket of said court and styled Elton C. Wildermuth, Plaintiff, vs. Lina Elfriede Wildermuth, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married on or about August 18, 1949 and became separated on June 1, 1952. Plaintiff shows there is no community property to be adjudicated and no children born of said marriage. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of abandonment, and cruel treatment, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene Texas, this 9th day of August A.D. 1957

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THE STATE OF TEXAS
To the Sheriff or any Constable of any County of the State of Texas—GREETING:

WHEREAS, on the 24th day of July 1957, recovered in the 42nd District Court of Taylor County, a judgement against James W. Hisle and wife, Mozelle Hisle for the sum of Five Thousand Five Hundred Sixteen and 18/100 (\$5,516.18) Dollars with interest from the 27th day of July 1957, at the rate of 10% percent per annum and costs of suit; and, whereas, the said judgement is a foreclosure of a Vendors lien on the following described property, to-wit:

Being that certain Lot, tract, and parcel of land situated in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, and being Lot No. 6, of the D. N. Darnell Bros. Subdivision of Lot No. 4, Block "C", of the Berry Ledbetter subdivision, part of the I & G N Ry. Co., Survey No. 2 in the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, together with all improvements thereon situated; as said Vendors lien existed on the 27th day of February, 1957 and it is ordered and decreed by said judgement that said property be sold under execution in satisfaction of said judgement. And if said property shall sell for more than sufficient to pay off and satisfy said sums of money, the excess should be paid over to the said James W. Hisle et ux Mozelle Hisle. But if said property should not sell for enough to pay off said sums of money, the balance due shall be made as under execution, and such order of sale shall have the force and effect of a writ of possession, and the officer executing same shall make a good and sufficient deed, and place the purchaser of said property in possession thereof within 10 Ten days from date of sale.

Therefore, you are hereby commanded that you proceed to seize and sell all the above described property, as under execution, and make a good sufficient deed and to place the purchaser of same in possession thereof within ten (10) days after the day of sale, and you apply the proceeds thereof to the payment and satisfaction of said sum of Five Thousand Five Hundred Sixteen & 18/100 Dollars, together with interest that may be due thereon, and the further sum of Fifteen and 50/100 (\$15.50) Dollars, costs of suit, together with your legal fees and commissions for executing this writ. And if the said property shall sell for more than sufficient to pay off and satisfy said sums of money, then you are ordered to pay over the excess thereof to the defendant James W. Hisle et ux Mozelle Hisle But if you fail to find said property, or if the proceeds of such sale be insufficient to satisfy judgement, then you are directed to make the money, or any balance thereof remaining unpaid, out of any other property of the defendant, as in case of ordinary executions.

Herein Fail Not, but due return make hereof within sixty (60) days, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of the 42nd District Court of Taylor County, at my office in Abilene, Texas, this 16th day of August, 1957.

(SEAL)
R. H. Ross, Clerk, 42nd District Court, Taylor County, Texas.
By Irene Crawford Deputy.
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SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT NEWS



OUR SOIL ★ OUR STRENGTH

Farmers in the Merkel area are realizing more and more the sunflower, in comparison to 60 to 80 gallons of water to produce one pound of grass; "sum" tax you pay. Now is the time for you to decide whether or not you are going to pay the weed tax for another year or not. If you wait until next summer to start, well neighbor, you have already received your statement—marked "paid in full."

The best way to control weeds is control grazing—do not overgraze that pasture. Cut your pastures into more than one, give one part a rest while you are grazing the other, use some of that cultivated land for supplemental pasture as much as possible.

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"Productive land is the most important and basic capital asset of all nations of important size." — Dr. H. H. Bennett.

ARE YOU PAYING THE WEED TAX?

We pay taxes on and for most everything these days some are justifiable and some are questionable. When you look out across your pasture and see your cow-stand from ankle to belly deer in weeds, you and your neighbor are paying the weed tax. It takes 90 to 118 gallons of water to produce one pound of ragweed or

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Partain of Stamford were house guests of her sister, Mrs. P. F. Harris for several days and attended the revival at the First Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Alderman and family of Texas City were house guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Doan and family for two weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Alderman, made a pleasure tour to Carlsbad Cavern and Ruidoso, New Mexico, returning home Friday.

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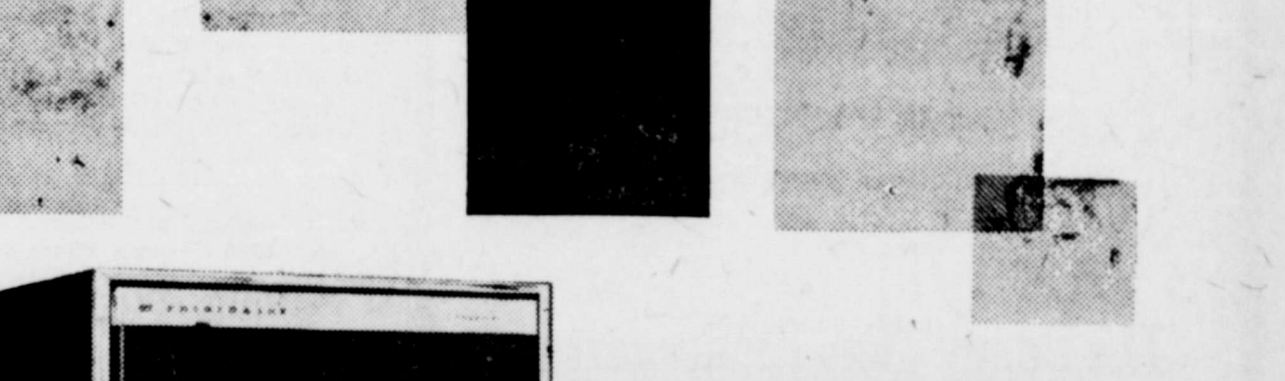
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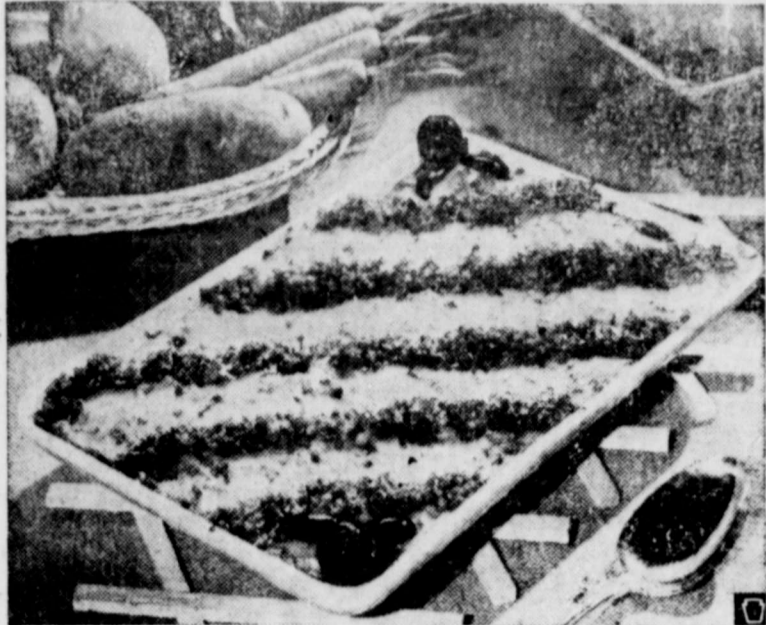
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HARVEST POTATO PUDDING

4 large Washington State Russet Potatoes
3 eggs, beaten
1/2 cup chopped parsley
1/2 cup American cheese, grated
1 1/2 teaspoons salt

Grate pared potatoes with a medium grater into cold water. (This keeps them from turning brown. A little lemon juice may be added to the water, if desired.) Combine beaten eggs, parsley, cheese and salt. Drain potatoes; add to egg mixture. Place in greased shallow baking dish; bake in moderate oven (350 degrees F.) 45 minutes or until done. Additional grated cheese may be sprinkled over top the last few minutes of baking. Cut in squares or wedges; serve with pot roast or leftover roast beef or lamb. Makes 4 to 6 servings.



**Joyce Marie Watson, Reynol Vancil
Marry In Church Ceremony**

Joyce Marie Watson and Reynol B. Vancil of Noodle were married Friday evening in the First Methodist Church.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Tom Watson, Merkel, and Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Vancil of Noodle.

Rex Kyker performed the double ring ceremony before an altar decorated with baskets of gladioli and palms arranged with branched candelabra burning white tapers. Ropes of huckleberry and white satin garlanded the altar rail.

Boyce Vancil was his son's best man. Groomsmen were Eddie Elliott of Lubbock and Kenneth Vanlil. Waylan Vancil, brother of the bridegroom, and Kenneth Vancil

lighted the candles. Mrs. Brandon Wade played wedding music. Don Wood, soloist, sang "Because" and "The Lord's Prayer."

Matron of honor was Mrs. Eddie Elliott. Other attendants were Patsy and Mary Watson, sisters of the bride, and Mrs. Thomas Watson, her sister-in-law.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a waltz length full skirted dress of hand cut Venetian lace and tulle over white satin. The lace bodice was fashioned with stand up collar and long sleeves. From an elongated waistline, the skirt cascaded in rows of lace and tulle. Her veil of French illusion was held by a bandeau of tulle leaves. She carried a lace covered white Bible topped with a white orchid.

The matron of honor wore pale pink organdy over taffeta, fashioned with low neckline and full skirt. The front bodice was accented by crossed panels of organdy which extended to the hemline in back. She carried a spray of sweetheart roses on a nylon fan. Other attendants were similarly dressed in pale blue.

A reception followed in the church parlor with Mrs. James Shaw registering guests. Refreshments were served by Johnnie Tipton and Barbara Morgan from

a table covered with white lace over pink.

For a trip to Corpus Christi, Mrs. Vancil wore a navy suit and white accessories. Her corsage was the orchid from her bouquet.

Mrs. Vancil is a 1956 graduate of Merkel High School and attended Gail Business College. She is employed as a secretary at Abilene Printing and Stationery Co. in Abilene. Vancil, a 1956 graduate of Noodle High School, is a sophomore at Hardin-Simmons University.

The couple will live at 1358 Cedar St. in Abilene.

**Guesso Circle
Meets In
Boone Home**

The second meeting of the Guesso Circle was held Wednesday, August 14 in the home of Mary Boone.

Helen Hughes, Jo Ann Smith and Neva Hicks, were elected to serve on the program committee with Rojean Hicks, program chairman. Two new members, Bobby Tarpley and Billie Moore were voted in. Names of secret pals were drawn.

Cold drinks and cookies were served to Sue Tucker, Rojean Hicks, Betty Lou Satterwhite, Peggy Brown, Loretta Young, Jo Ann Smith, Heien Hughes, Louise DuBose, Neva Hicks and Bonnie Douglas.

**Woodmans Circle
Observe Annual
Family Night**

Members of the Merkel Woodmans Circle observed their annual family night Thursday, August 13, with a watermelon feast in the back yard of the C. W. Seago home.

Guests participated in games of "Eighty-eight" and dominoes.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sandusky, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Warren, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Mathews, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Alf Walla, Mike and Pam, and Mr. and Mrs. Karl Broneaux, all of Merkel. Mary Lou and Karrol Broneaux of Washington. Mrs. J. A. St. John, Len Mae Harris and Mrs. Ray Kent Mathews and baby of Abilene. Mrs. Bea Reeves, Maggie Renfro, Sallie Gant and Mrs. Esther Luke, Linda and Ronnie and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Seago.

On Friday, Mrs. Seago, the Secretary of the Grove, took watermelon to shutin members who were unable to attend the party.

MAKE A "REAL" ITALIAN PIZZA



There's no need to travel to Italy or even to an Italian restaurant to eat "real" Italian pizza. You can make it at home with ease as a special treat for your family and friends. For pizza, with its yeast-raised crust and luscious tomato and cheese filling, requires no special equipment or talent to make and is easy on even the slimmest budget.

PIZZA PIE SHELLS

1 cup warm (not hot) water (lukewarm for compressed yeast)
1 package or cake yeast, active dry or compressed
3 1/2 cups sifted enriched flour
1 teaspoon sugar
1 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons olive oil or salad oil

Measure water into a bowl (warm, not hot, water for active dry yeast; lukewarm water for compressed yeast). Sprinkle or crumble in yeast. Stir until dissolved. Stir in sugar, salt and olive oil. Add 2 cups of the flour. Beat until smooth. Stir in remaining flour or enough to make a dough. Turn out on lightly floured board. Knead until smooth and elastic. Place in greased bowl; brush top with olive oil. Cover. Let rise in warm place, free from draft, until doubled in bulk, about 45 minutes. Punch down dough; divide in half. Roll each half into a 12-inch circle and fit into a greased 12-inch pizza pan. Or place on a greased baking sheet and press out with palms of hands to form a 12-inch circle making edges slightly thick. Fill as directed.

Pizza Filling—Arrange 1/2 pound sliced Mozzarella cheese in 2 ungreased Pizza Shells. Top with one 13-ounce can tomatoes, drained, combined with one 6-ounce can tomato paste. Sprinkle with 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese, 2 teaspoons oregano, 1 1/2 teaspoons salt and 1/2 teaspoon pepper. Top with 1/2 pound raw, cleaned shrimp and sprinkle with 2 tablespoons salad oil. Bake at 400 degrees for 20 minutes.

**Gleaners Meet
In Odum Home**

The Gleaners Class of the Methodist Church met in the home of Mrs. Annie Odum Wednesday morning, Aug. 14. Co-hostesses were Mrs. Stella Tipton and Mrs. Lou Petty.

Mrs. Hazel Largent, president, named the new committees for

the coming year. Mrs. Lou Petty acted as secretary in the absence of Mrs. Jessie Shannon. A devotion was brought by Mrs. Leola Hail.

Cookies and fruit drink were served the following: Mmes. Ruby Grimes, Reba Toombs, Velma Largent, Leola Hail, Lola Cox, Hazel Largent, Gail Gaither, Mabel Dorton, Ruby Grimes, Sallie Moore, Mossie Hatfield, Elsie McMurray, Winnie Cypert, Willie Pee, and Misses Lottie Butman and Mabel McRee.

**Forfeited Land
Sale For Vets
In September**

AUSTIN — A high bond market will make it impossible last week to sell any part of the \$100,000,000 Veterans' Land Program bond issue approved by voters last November.

The net effect is that the only way most veterans can participate in the program now is to purchase forfeited land. The next sale of forfeited land is September 27.

"Until we can sell our bonds, our regular program has money to buy only about 200 tracts of land a year," Land Commissioner Earl Rudder, who is also chairman of the Veterans' Land Board, says.

There are about 21,000 Texas veterans on the V. L. P. waiting list.

The board cannot by the Constitution pay more than three per cent interest on money obtained through the sale of bonds. Average interest rate on government bonds during the week ending August 10 was 3.54 per cent.

"While we're trying to get our bonds sold, we suggest that veterans avail themselves of the possibility of buying forfeited tracts," Commissioner Rudder says.

51 tracts of land will be offered in the Sept. 27th sale. Most of these tracts are located in central and southwest Texas. A few tracts are in northeast Texas counties.

The 27 counties in which forfeited tracts are being offered for sale are:

- PANHANDLE: Deaf Smith.
 - NORTHEAST TEXAS: Grayson, Fannin, Lamar, Cass.
 - CENTRAL TEXAS: Bell, Lampasas, McCullough, Coleman, Brown, Comanche, Erath, Hood, Eastland, Jones.
 - SOUTHWEST TEXAS: Dewitt, Wadalupe, Wilson, Bexar, Medina, Matagorda, Maverick, Zavalla, Dimmit, LaSalle.
 - VALLEY: Hidalgo, Cameron.
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UP THE CANYON

By TOM RUSSOM

News is short this week, however parts of the Canyon received up to an inch of rain Saturday night, which will be a big help to the crops. Crops are looking good over the Canyon.

Our revival meeting closed out Sunday afternoon at Pioneer Church. Rev. John Crow of Abilene preached us a good revival. Patsy Butman has returned home from Dallas, where she has spent two weeks training as cheerleader.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Swinney of Hillsboro, spent the week end in his parents home, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Swinney.

Mrs. Allen King and children spent a few days in Putnam this week, visiting her uncle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Demere.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Richardson and two sons of Cleburn visited this week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Russom and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Swinney. Mrs. Richardson is a cousin to Tom Russom.

Miss Lottie Butman and Miss Mable McRee and Mrs. O. R. Douglas of Merkel have returned home from the camp meeting in the Davis mountains near old Fort Davis. They reported a fine trip, but said it was awful dry in

that area, which is all ranching country.

Some milo is being thrashed up the Canyon this week. The boys says it is just too cheap to pay many bills. Price \$1.50 to \$1.65.

Joe Seymore is really proud of his irrigation system. With the showers we have had coupled in with irrigation Joe has a good prospect for a cotton crop.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Patterson last week were Mrs. J. W. Nevitt of Dallas and Mrs. C. B. Blietke of Houston, the former Kitty and Ethel Jenkins. Their father, W. M. Jenkins, was engaged in the dry goods business in Merkel at one time.

Mrs. Etta Tucker attended the funeral of Mr. Fincher in Albany Wednesday.

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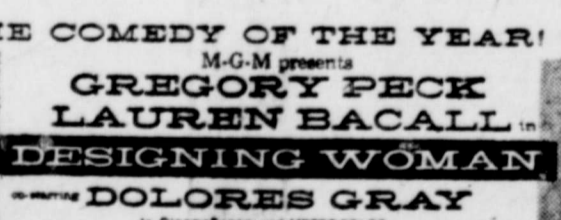
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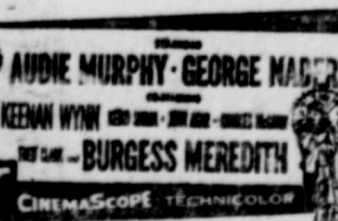
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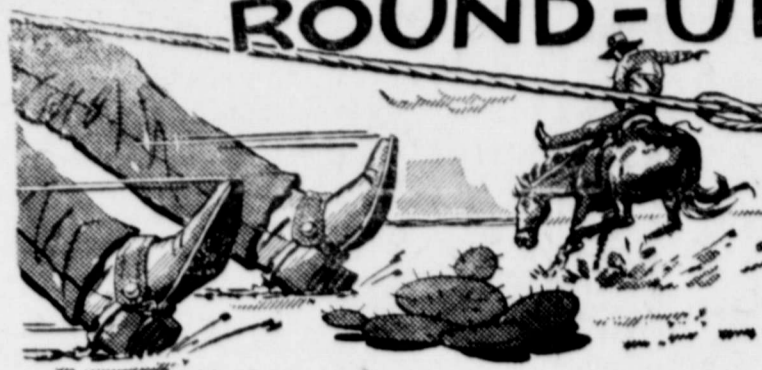
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